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MAPUTO FOR DELEGATION

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOM REACTION TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S MEETING WITH
POLISARIO REP.

REF: (A) RABAT 2726, (B) MAPUTO 0610, (C) STATE 115223

1. DRAWING ON REFTEL (B) AND ADVANCE PRESS GUIDANCE GIVEN
IN TELECON WITH NEA CONSONANT WITH REFTEL (C), I INFORMED
ACTING FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER CHERKAOU AND INFORMATION
MINISTER TAIBI BENHIMA WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED, ADDING THAT
AFTER CHECKING WITH WASHINGTON, I COULD CONFIRM THAT CHANCE
MEETING HAD "NO POLICY SIGNIFICANCE WHATSOEVER". BENHIMA,
WHO WAS BEING PRESSED BY KING HASSAN FOR EXPLANATION OF
WHY FOR FIRST TIME A USG OFFICIAL HAD MET WITH POLISARIO
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REPRESENTATIVE, SAID HE WOULD REPORT MY COMMENTS TO
KING. HE WAS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT POLISARIO,
ALGERIANS AND OTHERS MIGHT USE UPI DESPATCH, AND
HOPED WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO STATE PUBLICLY THIS
CHANCE MEETING HAD NO IMPLICATION OF RECOGNITION.
I SAID AMBASSADOR YOUNG HAD ALREADY DONE THIS WITH
US PRESS IN MAPUTO, AND THAT WASHINGTON SPOKESMEN

WERE READY TO DO LIKEWISE ON IF-ASKED BASIS. I ALSO SUGGESTED TO BENHIMA AND CHERKAOUI THAT IT IN GOM INTEREST NOT TO EXAGGERATE OR PLAY UP INCIDENT WHICH COULD VERY WELL PASS WITH NO PRESS INTEREST.

3. KNOWING THE METICULOUS CARE WE EXERCISE IN OUR CONTACTS WITH SUCH CONTROVERSIAL ORGANIZATION AS THE PLO, THE GOM CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHAT APPEARS TO THEM AT BEST CONFUSION AND AT WORST THE BEGINNING OF A MODIFICATION OF OUR POLICY ON THE SAHARA QUESTION.
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